(b) Survey for gauge conversion of Mayiladuturai-Thiruvarur-Tiruturaipundi-Karaikudi and Tiruturaipundi-Agastiyampali metre gauge line has already been completed as per which cost of conversion of these lines has been worked out as Rs. 404.19 crore. Further decision on the proposal would be taken once the results of the survey are finalised.

Doubling of railway line

3165. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS
be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for doubling of railway line between Pullampeta and Rayalacherva and Chennai and Mumbai route;

(b) if so, the status of the proposal; and

(c) if not, whether there is any likelihood of taking it up in the near future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Mumbai-Chennai is one of the Golden Quadrilateral routes and is proposed to be doubled. On this route, doubling already exists on certain sections. The doubling of following sections have already been taken up:—

(i) Mahol-Pakni-Solapur

(ii) Raichur-Guntakal balance section.

(iii) Gooty-Renigunta balance section.

Further, the doubling of remaining length on Bhigwan-Gulbarga is not yet sanctioned. All these works have been entrusted to Rail Vikas Nigam Limited. (RVNL) for implementation.

(c) Does not arise.

Improving the Disaster Management

3166. SHRI SYED AZEEZ PASHA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry is contemplating to improve the disaster management in view of the recent serial bomb blasts in trains in Mumbai; and